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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340, RM-11683

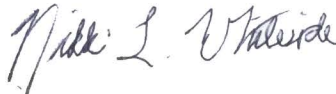
Dear Ms. Dortch:

I have recently been made aware of LightSquared's efforts to build an innovative and new mobile broadband network. It seems to me this endeavor would be a big plus in terms of expanding mobile availability in underserved areas, as well as increasing competition, which would lead to more options and lower costs for consumers. As a resident of a rural state, both of these benefits would be welcome.

As comments from many parties have already noted, deployment of LightSquared's nationwide wholesale-only mobile broadband network would be in the public's best interest – especially those of us in rural America. As you well know, our spectrum space is in short supply, and it is incumbent on us to approach this finite, valuable resource with an eye toward efficiency, which is exactly what LightSquared's proposal does.

Thank you for moving quickly on this matter; I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Nikki L. Whiteside

cc:
U.S. Senator Mark Pryor
U.S. Senator John Boozman
U.S. Representative Steve Womack